

## **CHAPTER 12 TRAFFIC<sup>1</sup>**

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#### **Section 12-1-1 City Law Enforcement Agent**

- A. It shall be the duty of the city law enforcement agent to provide for the enforcement of the street traffic regulations of the city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the city, to make arrests for traffic violations, to investigate accidents and to assist in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions and to carry out all duties specially imposed upon the city law enforcement agent by this chapter.
- B. Any peace officer of the city may be authorized by the city law enforcement agent to perform any of the duties of the city law enforcement agent included in this chapter.

#### **Section 12-1-2 Records of Traffic Violations**

- A. The city law enforcement agent shall keep a record of all violations of the traffic laws of the city or of the state vehicle laws of which any person has been charged, together with a record of the final disposition of all such alleged offenses. Such record shall be maintained for at least the most recent five year period.
- B. All forms for records of violations and notices shall be serially numbered.

#### **Section 12-1-3 City Law Enforcement Agent to Investigate Accidents**

It shall be the duty of the city law enforcement agent to investigate traffic accidents and to arrest and assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law causing or contributing to such accidents.

### **ARTICLE 12-2 TRAFFIC CONTROL**

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### **Section 12-2-1 Directing Traffic**

- A. The city law enforcement agent is hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal.
- B. Fire officials, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the city law enforcement agent in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

### **Section 12-2-2 Obedience to Traffic Regulations**

It is unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this code, for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this chapter or willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of the city law enforcement agent or of any fire department official.

### **Section 12-2-3 Traffic Control Devices**

- A. The council shall provide for the placement and maintenance of traffic control devices, signs and signals when and as required under the traffic regulations of the city to make effective the provisions of said regulations, and may place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as may be deemed necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic laws of the city or under state law or to guide or warn traffic.
- B. The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the traffic regulations of the city unless otherwise directed by the city law enforcement agent, subject to the exceptions granted in this chapter or by state law.

### **Section 12-2-4 Authority to Designate Crosswalks, Establish Safety Zones and Mark Traffic Lanes**

The council may authorize an employee or agent of the city:

- A. To designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in his opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as he may deem necessary.
- B. To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians.
- C. To mark lanes for traffic on street pavement at such places as he may deem advisable, consistent with the traffic laws of the city.

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### **Section 12-2-5 Authority to Place and Obedience to Turning Markers**

- A. The council may authorize an employee or agent of the city to place markers, buttons or signs within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at such intersections, and such course to be traveled as so indicated may conform to or be other than as prescribed by law.
- B. When authorized markers, buttons or other indications are placed within an intersection indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning thereat, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of such indications.

### **Section 12-2-6 Authority to Place and Obedience to Restricted Turn Signs**

- A. The council may authorize an employee or agent of the city to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left or U-turn and shall place proper signs at such intersections. The making of such turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day and permitted at other hours, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on the signs, or such signs may be removed when such turns are permitted.
- B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right, left or U-turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign.

### **Section 12-2-7 Limitations on Turning Around**

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

### **Section 12-2-8 One-Way Streets and Alleys**

- A. The council may designate any streets or alleys which are to be limited to one-way traffic.
- B. Whenever the council designates any one-way street or alley, it shall cause to be placed and maintained signs giving notice thereof, and no such regulation shall be effective unless such signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited.

### **Section 12-2-9 Regulation of Traffic at Intersections**

The council may designate through streets, intersections where stops are required, and intersections where vehicles shall yield the right-of-way.

### **Section 12-2-10 Drivers to Obey Signs**

Whenever traffic signs are erected as provided in this chapter, every driver of a vehicle shall obey such signs unless directed to proceed by the city law enforcement agent or a traffic control

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signal. No driver shall drive upon or through any private property such as an oil station, vacant lot or similar property to avoid obedience to any regulation included in this chapter.

### **Section 12-2-11 Processions**

- A. No procession or parade, except funeral processions, shall be held without first securing a permit from the city, and all such requests for permits shall state the time, place of formation, proposed line of march, destination and such other regulations as the city may set forth therein.
- B. A funeral procession composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified by such methods as may be determined and designated by the city.
- C. No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or the city law enforcement agent.
- D. Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right hand edge of the roadway as practical and shall follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practical and safe.

### **Section 12-2-12 Operation of Vehicles on Vacant Lots**

No person shall operate a vehicle on or across any portion of a vacant lot other than on an established dustproof driveway, except during activities authorized by the city.

### **Section 12-2-13 Driving on Private Property**

- A. No person shall operate, drive or leave any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, minibike, trail bike, dune buggy, jeep or other form of transportation propelled by an internal combustion engine upon the private property of another or upon public property which is not held open to the public for vehicle use, without permission from the owner of the property or the person entitled to immediate possession thereof, or the authorized agent of either.
- B. Whenever any person is stopped by a law enforcement officer for investigation of a violation of this section, the person shall show proof that the permission required has been obtained and from whom permission was obtained.

## **ARTICLE 12-3     PARKING**

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### **Section 12-3-1 Method of Parking**

Except as otherwise posted, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be so stopped or parked with the right hand wheels of such vehicle parallel to and within eighteen inches of the right hand curb.

### **Section 12-3-2 Blocking Traffic**

- A. No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle, or other vehicle, upon a street in the city in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than twenty feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, except that a person may stop temporarily, in the actual loading or unloading of passengers, or when necessary, in the observance of traffic signs or signals of the city law enforcement agent.
- B. No person shall park a motor vehicle, or other vehicle, within an alley or entrance to a private driveway except for the loading or unloading of materials, and not then unless such loading or unloading can be accomplished without blocking the alley to the free movement of vehicular traffic.

### **Section 12-3-3 Parking Adjacent to Schools**

When signs are erected indicating no parking on that side of the street adjacent to any school property, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place for one hour before school opens until one hour after school closes on any school day.

### **Section 12-3-4 Authority to Erect Signs Restricting Parking**

The council may have erected signs requiring parking at an angle to the curb, allowing parking on the left hand curb on one-way streets, notifying drivers that parking is prohibited and restricting parking in any way that may be necessary. When such signs have been erected, no person shall stop or stand a vehicle in disobedience to such parking restrictions.

### **Section 12-3-5 Parking Vehicles on Sidewalks**

No person shall park any vehicle, whether in usable condition or not, nor shall an owner permit his vehicle to be parked upon any sidewalk in the city.

### **Section 12-3-6 Restricted Parking Areas for the Physically Disabled**

- A. No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space on either public or private property set aside and identified for use only by persons with physical disabilities, unless the vehicle has displayed thereon a distinguishing insignia or numbered plates bearing the international wheelchair symbol as provided in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 28-881 et. seq. The handicap card shall be placed on the dash board so as to be visible.
- B. A person who is chauffeuring a person with a physical disability without a placard or international symbol of access special plates may park momentarily in a parking space provided pursuant to this article for the purpose of loading or unloading the person with a

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physical disability, and a complaint shall not be issued to the driver for the momentary parking.

- C. Subsection A of this section shall apply only to those parking spaces that are identified with standard signs or other markers, as approved by the city.

### **Section 12-3-7 Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specified Fire Lanes**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a city law enforcement agent or traffic control device, either on public or private property, in any of the following places:

- A. Within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant.
- B. In any area designated as a fire lane.